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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATER GREAT GORGE SECOND REVISED TARIFF LEAF NO. 9 AND FIRST REVISED TARIFF LEAF NO. 9A)	WATER
))	ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF REVISIONS
		DOCKET NO. WT05060498
IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATER VERNON HILLS FIRST REVISED TARIFF LEAF NO. 20 AND FIRST REVISED TARIFF LEAF ORIGINAL SHEET NO. 20A		ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF REVISIONS
		DOCKET NO. WT05060499
IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATER NEW JERSEY FIRST REVISED TARIFF LEAF NO. 30)	ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF REVISION
)	DOCKET NO. WT05060500
IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATER TOMS RIVER FIRST REVISED TARIFF LEAF NO. 6A		ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF REVISION
		DOCKET NO. WT05060501
IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATER ARLINGTON HILLS SEWERAGE FIRST REVISED TARIFF LEAF NO. 16 AND ORIGINAL TARIFF LEAF 16A))	ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF REVISIONS
		DOCKET NO. WT05060502
IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATER ARLINGTON HILLS ORIGINAL TARIFF LEAF NO. 24A)	ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF REVISION DOCKET NO. WT05060503
IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATER HAMPTON FIRST REVISED TARIFF LEAF NO. 25 AND ORIGINAL TARIFF LEAF 25A))	ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF REVISIONS
)	DOCKET NO. WT05060504

PRINCETON MEADOWS SECOND REVISED TARIFF LEAF NO. 8)	ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF REVISION
)	DOCKET NO. WT05060505
IN THE MATTER OF UNITED WATER WEST MILFORD FIRST REVISED TARIFF LEAF NO. 16 AND ORIGINAL TARIFF LEAF NO. 16A)))	ORDER ACCEPTING TARIFF REVISIONS
)	DOCKET NO. WT05060507

(SERVICE LIST ATTACHED)

BY THE BOARD:

United Water Great Gorge, United Water Vernon Hills, United Water New Jersey, United Water Toms River, United Water Arlington Hills Sewerage, United Water Arlington Hills, United Water Hampton, United Water Princeton Meadows, and United Water West Milford (collectively, United) are all public utilities of the State of New Jersey, and are all subject to the jurisdiction of the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Board). United's principal offices are located at 200 Old Hook Road, Harrington Park, New Jersey 07640.

As described below, on June 5, 2005, United filed petitions seeking Board approval to revise its tariffs (proposed tariff revisions) in order to implement budget billing for their customers pursuant to N.J.A.C. 14:3-7.11A.

- United Water Great Gorge (Great Gorge) seeks approval of Second Revised Tariff Leaf No. 9 and First Revised Leaf No. 9A for Great Gorge. Great Gorge provides wastewater service to approximately 1,400 customers in certain portions of the Township of Vernon, Sussex County, New Jersey.
- United Water Vernon Hills (Vernon Hills) seeks approval of First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 20 and Original Tariff Leaf No. 20A. Vernon Hills provides water service to approximately 531 customers in certain portions of the Townships of Vernon and Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey.

United Water New Jersey seeks approval of First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 30 for United Water New Jersey. United Water New Jersey provides water service to approximately 193,000 customers in certain portions of Alpine, Hackensack, Ridgefield, Bergenfield, Harrington Park, Ridgefield Park, Bogota, Hasbrouck Heights, River Edge, Carlstadt, Haworth, River Vale, Cliffside Park, Hillsdale, Rochelle Park, Closter, Leonia, Rockleigh, Cresskill, Little Ferry, Rutherford, Demarest, Lodi Borough, Saddle Brook, Dumont, Maywood, South Hackensack, East Rutherford, Montvale, Teaneck, Edgewater, Moonachie, Tenafly, Emerson, New Milford, Teterboro, Englewood, Northvale, Upper Saddle River, Englewood Cliffs, Norwood, Wallington, Fair Lawn, Old Tappan, Washington Township, Fairview, Oradell, Westwood, Fort Lee, Palisades Park, Wood-Ridge, Franklin Lakes, Paramus, Bergen County, New Jersey, Guttenberg, Secaucus, Weehawken, North Bergen, Union City, West New York, Hudson County, New Jersey, the Township of West Milford, Passaic County, New Jersey, and the Townships of Vernon and Andover, Sussex County, New Jersey.

- United Water Toms River (United Toms River) seeks approval of First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 6A for United Toms River. United Toms River provides wastewater service to approximately 48,500 customers in certain portions of the Townships of Dover and Berkeley and the Borough of South Toms River, Ocean County, New Jersey.
 - United Water Arlington Hills Sewerage (United Arlington Hills) seeks approval of First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 16 and Original Sheet No. 16A for United Arlington Hills. United Arlington Hills provides wastewater service to approximately 600 customers in certain portions of the Borough of Mount Arlington, Morris County, New Jersey.
- United Water Arlington Hills (United Arlington) seeks approval of Original Sheet No. 24A.
 United Arlington provides wastewater service to certain portions of the Borough of Mount Arlington, Morris County, New Jersey.
- United Water Hampton seeks approval of First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 25 and Original Leaf No. 25A for United Water Hampton. United Water Hampton provides water service to approximately 304 customers in the Township of Hampton, Sussex County, New Jersey.
- United Water Princeton Meadows (Princeton Meadows) seeks approval of Second Revised Tariff Leaf No. 8 for Princeton Meadows. Princeton Meadows provides wastewater service to approximately 3,300 customers in certain portions of the Township of Plainsboro, Middlesex County, New Jersey.
- United Water West Milford's (United West Milford) petition seeks approval of Revised Tariff Leaf No. 16 and Original Sheet No. 16A for United West Milford. United West Milford provides wastewater service to approximately 486 customers in certain portions of the Township of West Milford, Passaic County, New Jersey.

N.J.A.C. 14:3-7.11A, requires that voluntary budget billing plans be established by the gas, electric, water and wastewater utilities that are subject to the Board's jurisdiction and United's proposed tariff revisions include the option of Budget Billing for those residential customers who wish to pay their annual water or wastewater bills over 12 equal monthly payments. United will notify residential customers at least twice annually, via either bill message or bill insert, of their option to pay their bill on a monthly budged basis. Customers who wish to be on a budget billing must have at least 12 months of consumption history at their service location before entering into a budget billing agreement. The monthly budget amount will be reviewed against the actual usage charges at the midpoint of the budget year and adjusted up or down if necessary. United will notify the customer of any change in the budget billing amount by bill message prior to making any changes to the customer's bill. Rates will remain unchanged for those customers who choose to participate in United's optional Budget Billing plan.

The Board <u>HEREBY FINDS</u> that the proposed tariff revisions will not affect the United's ability provide, safe, adequate and proper service. The Board <u>FURTHER FINDS</u> that United's proposed budget billing plan meets the requirements of <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 14:3-7.11A. Based on the foregoing, the Board <u>HEREBY ACCEPTS</u> the following tariff revisions:

- 1 United Water Great Gorge Second Revised Tariff Leaf No. 9 and First Revised Leaf No. 9A.
- 2. United Water Vernon Hills First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 20 and Original Tariff Leaf No. 20A.
- 3. United Water New Jersey First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 30
- 4. United Water Toms River First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 6A.
- 5. United Water Arlington Hills Sewerage First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 16 and Original Sheet No. 16A.
- 6. United Water Arlington Hills' Original Sheet No. 24A.
- 7. United Water Hampton First Revised Tariff Leaf No. 25 and Original Leaf No. 25A.
- United Water Princeton Meadows Second Revised Tariff Leaf No. 8.
- 9. United Water West Milford Revised Tariff Leaf No. 16 and Original Sheet No. 16A

United Water New Jersey is <u>HEREBY DIRECTED</u> to submit final versions of the proposed tariff revisions within 10 business days of receipt of this Order.

DATED: 3/22/06

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BY:

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